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Location and Use

1. Uzundzhovo airfield is occupied by a Jet Fighter Regiment which is subordinate to the Jet Fighter Division at Graf Ignatiev airfield. The field was constructed in 1953 and has been in operation since 1954.
2. The airfield, which is located approximately two kilometers west of Uzundzhovo village and approximately five kilometers northeast of Khaskovo, covers an area two and one-half to three kilometers from east to west and one and one-half to two kilometers from north to south. The airfield is connected with Uzundzhovo railroad station and the Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad highway by a gravel road.

Runway and Planes

3. The runway is concrete, approximately three kilometers long and 80 to 100 meters wide. It is surrounded by grass and runs in an approximately east to west direction, starting from a point approximately 1,000 meters from the Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad railroad line and extending to a point approximately 1,500 meters from the Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad highway. There are electric lights on both sides of the runway for night flights. Parallel to the runway there is an auxiliary runway 15 to 20 meters wide, called Rulyozhka, which is used as a taxiway for the jets approaching the main runway.
4. On the north side of the western end of the runway there are seven concrete parking platforms for jets, which are described as follows from west to east.
 - a. One platform for the pair of jets on duty.

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- b. Two platforms, each surrounded by an embankment of earth and having space for six to seven jets.
- c. Four platforms, not surrounded by embankments, where jets are usually parked because they can be watched more easily by the guard stationed at the parking platforms.

5. There are 30 to 35 FANTOM's and FRESCO's at Uzundzhovo airfield.

Security

6. Although there is no fence around the airfield it is a restricted area which is guarded as follows:
- a. At the eastern end of the field, on the gravel road entering the field, there is a guard and road barrier, next to which is a one-story brick guardhouse, 8 x 4 meters in size. There are approximately nine soldiers and one non-commissioned officer in the guardhouse.
 - b. At the western entrance to the field, on the same road, there is a barrier and guard next to a one-story brick guardhouse, 6 x 4 meters in size, with yellow walls and red tile roof. There are four to five soldiers and one non-commissioned officer in the guardhouse.
 - c. There is a guard at the fuel depot north of the headquarters building. During the day the guard is stationed at the entrance to the depot and during the night he patrols inside the area of the depot.

Jet Fighter Regiment

7. The commander of the Jet Fighter Regiment at Uzundzhovo airfield was Major Boris Kamenov until the beginning of 1957 when he was sent to the USSR for additional training. The Chief of Staff and Chief of Combat Training are Majors Rasho Rashev and Peycho Peychev, respectively. The estimated strength is 150 to 200 officers, 30 non-commissioned officers and 100 to 150 enlisted men. Only 35 to 40 of the officers are jet pilots.
8. A dirt road connects the north side of the runway with the following buildings and installations on the field:
- a. Headquarters building; one-story, L-shaped brick building with an attic; the two wings are 18 and 20 meters long and both are five meters wide; yellow walls and red tile roof; contains approximately ten offices and a large storage area for parachutes.
 - b. Weather station; two-story, brick building, 10 x 5 meters in size, with yellow walls and red tile roof; the radio station is on the first floor, and the weather station is on the second floor. There are two towers containing meteorological instruments on the roof.
 - c. Workshop for re-charging batteries and oxygen containers; one-story brick building, 4 x 6 meters in size.

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- d. Clothing warehouse; one-story brick building, 12 x 5 meters in size. It contains three storage rooms of clothing and shoes.
- e. Food warehouse; one-story brick building, 20 x 6 meters in size, with a basement and a red tile roof.
- f. Mess hall for pilots; one-story brick building 20 x 8 meters in size, with yellow walls and red tile roof.
- g. Hospital and medical service; one-story brick building, 12 x 6 meters in size, with yellow walls and red tile roof; containing beds and medical facilities for 10 to 12 people.
- h. Barracks; two-story brick building, 20 x 8 meters in size, with yellow walls and red tile roof.
- i. Mess hall and kitchen for soldiers; brick building, 20 x 8 meters in size, with yellow walls and red tile roof.
- j. Two garages with storage area; one is 8 x 4 meters and the other is 8 x 20 meters in size.

10. On the eastern side of the Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad railroad tracks, on the gravel road leading to Uzundzhovo village, there are four to five apartment houses, having a total capacity for 30 families, which are occupied by the staff of the airfield. Each apartment house is a two-story brick building with yellow walls and red tile roof.

Fuel and Water Supply

11. The fuel depot for the field is north of the headquarters building. It is an open area, 70 meters in diameter, and surrounded by a barbed wire fence, two meters high. The area contains three fuel tanks, each painted red or orange and having a capacity of 40 to 50 tons, and an undetermined number of gasoline drums. At the entrance to the area and just inside it there is a one-story brick building, 8 x 6 meters in size, with a red tile roof. This is the office building of the depot which has two offices on the first floor and all kinds of oil and paint stored in the basement.
12. The water depot and pump, which supplies the entire field with drinking water, is located outside the restricted area of the airfield at the western end on the Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad highway. A pipe from the depot, which is one to two meters underground, extends beneath the western end of the runway to the mess hall and kitchen.

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[redacted] attachment to this report is a sketch with an attached legend of Uzundzhovo Airfield.

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LEGEND TO SKETCH OF UZUNDZHOVO AIRFIELD

1. Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad Railroad.
2. Uzundzhovo Railroad Station.
3. Gravel road from Uzundzhovo Railroad Station to Uzundzhovo Village.
4. Gravel road passing from Uzundzhovo Railroad Station through the airfield to the Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad Highway.
5. Khaskovo-Dimitrovgrad Highway (asphalt surface).
6. Runway (The auxiliary runway is not shown on the sketch).
7. Concrete platform for the two jets "on duty."
8. Concrete platforms surrounded by an embankment of earth for parking the jets.
9. Concrete platforms for parking the jets.
10. Dirt road, connecting the main buildings of the airfield with the runway.
11. Guardhouse.
12. Sentry at the eastern entrance.
13. Barrier.
14. Sentry at the western entrance.
15. Guardhouse at the western end of the airfield.
16. Weather Station.
17. Storage for airplane spare parts.
18. Workshop for re-charging of batteries and oxygen containers.
19. Main building.
20. POL's.
21. Fuel reservoirs; each one about 40-50 tons.
22. Two-meter high barbed wire fence with a break for entering.
23. Sentry.
24. Office at the POL's.
25. Dirt road.
26. Hill with a stone quarry.
27. Storage.
28. Food storage.
29. Pilot's dining mess.
30. Hospital and medical service.
31. Soldiers' dormitory.
32. Soldiers' dining mess and kitchen.
33. Garages and supply building.
34. Bushes and small trees.
35. A group of four to five apartment houses for the personnel staff of the airfield.
36. Water pump supplying the entire airfield with drinking water. Capacity unknown.
37. Water pipe from the water source to the airfield. The diameter of the pipe is unknown.
38. Border of the restricted zone around the airfield. There is no fence.
39. Hill.

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